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WOMEN'S COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission (LLWC) announces the following volunteers recently appointed to the Advisory Board:

Danja Pegram-Siders owns and operates her own business, AgInvest, LLC., a property and real estate farm management company. She leads an active community life, working on such boards and organizations as Wyuka Historical Foundation, United Way, Red Cross, Mad Dads, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, TeamMates, and the Duncan Aviation Foundation.

Jeri L. Brandt, Ph. D., is employed as professor of Nursing at Nebraska Wesleyan University. She works part time at BryanLGH Medical Center as a sexual assault nurse examiner. She has been active on the Tabitha Home Health Advisory Board, Hospice of Nebraska Foundation, Geriatric-Psych, English as Second Language for the Lincoln Literacy Council and Red Cross.

Beth Rodacker is employed at Union College as an associate professor of English as a Second Language. She is a board member of PALS, the Lincoln Chapter of the National Organization for Women, and co-leader for Neighborhood Watch. She is also very active in her church and serves in various capacities, including the Women's Ministry Committee at Piedmont Park Church.

All appointments are approved by the Mayor, City Council and County Board of Commissioners. One of the agency's many roles is to advise the City and County on the type of legislation which should be sought to improve any situation when areas of study indicate a need for change. LLWC was formed in 1976 to "work toward eliminating social, economic and legal barriers that prevent women from choosing their present and future roles in the family, the labor force, education and society in general."